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Nebraska of first-cousin marriages from other states where those marriages are valid. Professor Wardle's amendment is now that committee amendment which we are discussing. And AM0981 would simply remove the issue of first-cousin marriages from the bill altogether, and makes the bill technically more accurate. I faxed the amendment to Professor Wardle and he endorses it fully, and I have provided to you on your desk a brief explanation of the amendment and the reasons for it. I hope that you will approve of the amendment so that the bill can be advanced quickly in its proper form. The amendment simply affirms that marriage in Nebraska is exclusively heterosexual. Secondly, the amendment simply denies recognition in Nebraska to those contractual relationships that fail to constitute marriage under 42-101, or that would otherwise violate the strong public policy of the state of Nebraska. I would urge the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Senator Bruning wishes to announce that there are guests visiting the Legislature: Gordon Njus, Al Miles, LaVerne Timmerman, and George Eymann are here. They are under the south balcony. Gentlemen, will you stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Nebraska Legislature. Senator Chambers to speak to the Jensen amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature. We now see Senator Jensen making a compromise with the Devil. Senator Jensen, I'd like to ask you a question or two.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, looking at the green copy, which the committee amendment would amend and which you want to strike, you have included section 42-103, which deals with marriages that are actually void in Nebraska right now. Do you agree with that?

SENATOR JENSEN: Senator Chambers, I'll have to pull that amendment. If you'll give me a moment.